

COUNTRY _____ REPORT NO. _____

TOPIC Military Information from the Koenigsbrueck Troop Training Grounds.

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1. On 23 September 1952, 30 T-34 tanks were unloaded at the Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31) railroad station. A train with 15 other T-34 tanks was sidetracked. T-34 tanks _____ were later seen departing from the railroad station toward Altes Lager. (1)
2. On 23 September, the Nachrichtenschule, south of the Koenigsbrueck railroad station, was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, of a mortar and an artillery unit. Six 160-mm mortars, 2 x 122-mm field howitzers and about 40 trucks _____ were seen in the barracks yard. (2)
3. In the morning on 20 September, artillery firing involving between 9 and 11 aircraft was conducted at the troop training grounds. Source determined the following:
 - 9:03 to 9:28 a.m. Continuous reports of heavy artillery pieces with intervals of about 30 seconds between discharge and impact.
 - 9:29 to 9:32 a.m. Further reports of heavy artillery pieces with intervals from 7 to 9 seconds between discharge and impact.
 - 9:34 to 9:40 a.m. Heavy barrage.
 - 9:41 to 9:45 a.m. Alternating firing by three guns with intervals of 4 seconds between discharge and impact.
 - From 9:50 a.m. Between 9 and 11 twin engine aircraft circling over the firing range, approaching from the direction of Kamenz.
 - 9:55 a.m. Discharges at intervals of 40 seconds, with about 35 seconds between discharge and impact.
 - From 10 a.m. Intensified fire at intervals of 36 seconds between discharges and intervals of 26 seconds between discharge and impact.
 - 10:01 a.m. Low level attack of an aircraft firing with aerial weapons. Subsequently a smoke screen rising from the firing range hindered visibility.
 - From 10:02 a.m. Reports at intervals of between 30 and 35 seconds.
 - 10:25 a.m. Termination of fire. (3)
4. On 19 September, 18 trucks and 1 ambulance _____ carrying 25X1 billoting equipment and driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia left Koenigsbrueck proceeding toward Kamenz. (4) At 3 p.m. on 15 September, 16 x 85-mm AA guns, 24 trucks

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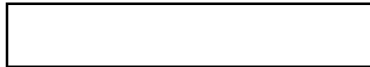
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- 25X1 and a field kitchen [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] were entrained at the Koenigsbrueck-
 Test freight station.
5. During the period from 20 to 30 September, the Nachrichtenschule south of
 25X1 the Koenigsbrueck railroad station was still occupied by about 1,000 soldiers
 25X1 wearing red-bordered black epaulets mostly with artillery insignia. The soldiers
 received rifle drill and practiced firing and, organized into groups up to 120
 soldiers armed with rifles or submachine guns, were seen marching. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted]
6. During the period from 20 to 30 September, the Altes Lager northwest of the
 Koenigsbrueck railroad station served as fuel distribution point. Small
 quantities of ammunition were sometimes also stored there. Thirty soldiers
 wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were employed a
 25X1 a labor detail. [redacted]
7. At 7 a.m. on 22 September, a column of about 60 trucks, [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted], each occupied by about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered
 black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia and about half of them
 towing 120-mm mortars left the Neues Lager west of the Koenigsbrueck-Schwepnitz
 road. The column proceeded toward the Nachrichtenschule. Another column of
 about the same strength including 20 trucks towing 120-mm mortars [redacted] 25X1
 25X1 [redacted] returned to
 the Neues Lager from the direction of the Nachrichtenschule at about 6 p.m.
 Another column of about 50 trucks, most of them towing heavy mortars was seen
 leaving the Neues Lager toward the Nachrichtenschule in the morning on 27 25X1
 [redacted]
8. Two JS tanks [redacted] were entrained at the Koenigsbrueck railroad
 25X1 station on 20 September. (2) At 6:10 a.m. on 23 September, 100 unarmed soldiers
 wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying a lot of baggage arrived at
 the Koenigsbrueck railroad station from the direction of Dresden and subsequently
 marched to the Nachrichtenschule. (5) On 26 September, large quantities of
 25X1 billeting equipment and about 500 medium-sized ammunition boxes were entrained
 at the railroad station. [redacted] (1)
9. During the period from 24 to 29 September, there was a lot of firing activity
 at the training grounds near Klotzsche. About 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered
 black epaulets, almost all of them very young, fired at practice targets with
 rifles at distances of from 100 to 200 meters. (5)
- 25X1 (1) [redacted] Comments.
 (1) [redacted] the tanks belong to the 11th Gds Tank Div. According
 to reports by other sources, this division started returning to Dresden and
 Meissen on 24 October. See [redacted] The
 simultaneous shipment of tanks to Koenigsbrueck of this division would then be
 explained only if a tank unit of this division remained in Koenigsbrueck as had
 been reported by another source. This tank regiment 25X1
 might be the 14th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div whose barracks
 installation in Bautzen has been occupied by VP since August 1952. [redacted]

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- 25X1 (2) These movements were by units [redacted] of the First Gds Mecz Army. The 270th Gds Fort Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div, which is permanently stationed in the Nachrichtenschule, was specifically confirmed. The movements were probably linked with field exercises which this division conducted prior to the termination of its summer training.
- (3) Probably an artillery firing of the unidentified artillery brigade of the First Gds Mecz Army. The aircraft involved are believed to have been twin-engine jet aircraft of IL-28 type.
- 25X1 (4) The 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div which, after the transfer of its barracks installation in Kamenz to the VPs, moved to Meissen. See [redacted]
- 25X1 (5) These observations are probably linked with the exchange of personnel which, [redacted] started in mid-September.

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